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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON SURVEILLANCE OF  
- SOVIET MARITIME EXERCISE

REFS: (A) APRIL 14 MADDEN-STRUTZEL TELCON,  
(B) USDELMC 273/78

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1. AT APRIL 18 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT POLADS APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET MARITIME EXERCISE (REFS A AND B) HAD BEEN WITHHELD DUE TO REQUEST BY NORWEGIAN DELEGATION, AND RELEASE HAD NOT BEEN MADE. NORWEGIAN REP REQUESTED DELETIONS IN PRESS RELEASE (REVISED DRAFT BELOW). NORWEGIAN CHANGES GENERALLY DILUTE UNIQUENESS OF SOVIET EXERCISE, DELETE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SOVIET SHIPS AND PLANES, AND OMIT LAST PARAGRAPH OF PREVIOUS DRAFT RELEASE, WHICH HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

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2. SEVERAL POLADS INDICATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO REFER REVISED DRAFT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES FOR APPROVAL. IMS  
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REP NOTED SOVIET EXERCISE HAD CONCLUDED, AND THAT IF RELEASE WERE TO HAVE ANY PUBLIC AFFAIRS IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE SOON. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED POLADS APPROVAL OF REVISED PRESS RELEASE BY NOON APRIL 19. IF APPROVAL WERE NOT RECEIVED BY THAT TIME, RELEASE WOULD BE DROPPED IN VIEW OF LACK OF TIMELINESS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY OOB APRIL 19.

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4. BEGIN TEXT OF REVISED PRESS RELEASE.

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- PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET  
MARITIME EXERCISE

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- SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF SEVERAL NATO NATIONS HAVE  
BEEN CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE SINCE EARLY APRIL OF SOVIET  
FORCES ENGAGED IN A WIDESPREAD NORTH ATLANTIC MARITIME  
EXERCISE. THIS IS A PART OF REGULAR SURVEILLANCE  
ACTIVITY.

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- SOVIET SUBMARINES AND SURFACE SHIPS PASSED FROM THE  
NORWEGIAN SEA THROUGH THE GAP BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE  
UNITED KINGDOM, AND CONDUCTED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE  
EXERCISE IN THE ATLANTIC ABOUT 500 MILES SOUTH OF ICELAND.

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- KIEV, THE SOVIET'S LARGEST WARSHIP, ARMED WITH  
ANTI-AIR AND ANTI-SURFACE MISSILES AND CARRYING V/STOL  
AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS, WAS TRACKED FROM THE MEDITERRA-  
NEAN NORTHWARD. THE SOVIETS CONDUCTED ANTI-SUBMARINE  
WARFARE EXERCISES AFTER KIEV RENDEZ-VOUSED OFF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM WITH KREST CLASS CRUISERS, KRIVAK CLASS DESTROY-  
ERS, SEVERAL TANKERS AND OTHER AUXILIARIES.

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- SURFACE SHIPS AND NUMEROUS SUBMARINES WERE TRACKED  
BY MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT FROM MEMBER NATIONS. MORE  
THAN A DOZEN NATO-NATION SURFACE SHIPS MONITORED THE  
EXERCISE WHILE INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AND  
ESCORTED "BEAR" AIRCRAFT FLYING AN ANTI-SUBMARINE  
WARFARE ROLE FROM BASES IN THE NORTHERN USSR.

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- IL-38 "MAY" SUBMARINE SEARCH AIRCRAFT OPERATED  
CLOSE TO ICELAND AND WERE INTERCEPTED BY PHANTOMS FROM  
ICELAND IN THE MILITARY AIR DEFENCE IDENTIFICATION ZONE.  
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